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Via email

Emma Best

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Ms. Best:

This serves as an initial response to your September 17, 2019 public records request directed to the Rhode Island State Police seeking:

“Records describing, authorizing or mentioning expenses or personnel assignments in response to or accommodation of visits from officials in the federal government between January 1, 2001 and the present.”

Your request is governed by the Access to Public Records Act contained in R.I.G.L. Chapter 38-2. In response to a request for public records, an agency is required to make available for public disclosure those records that are responsive to a request, are in the possession of the agency and are not otherwise exempted from disclosure.

After careful review of your request, further clarification is needed. Specifically, it is not clear what type of records you are seeking. Moreover, to the extent your request remains overly broad and ambiguous, the anticipated time to search for possible responsive records will be significant. In an effort to provide any and all responsive documents, if any exist, to your intended request, please contact our office in writing to clarify what you are requesting. In the interim, the time for this Department to respond is hereby tolled pending clarification.

In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-8, you have the right to appeal this to Colonel James M. Manni, Superintendent, Rhode Island State Police, 311 Danielson Pike, North Scituate, Rhode Island 02857. Or you may file a complaint with the Department of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island, 02903, or the Rhode Island Superior Court of the county where the record(s) are maintained.

I respectfully await your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Sholes".

Adam J. Sholes, Esq.

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